

**Board of Conservation and Recreation**

**Tuesday, June 17, 2003, 10:00 a.m.**  
**House Room Two, The Capitol**  
**Richmond, Virginia**

**Board of Conservation and Recreation Members Present**

W. Bruce Wingo, Chairman  
Gwen Mason  
Sheryl D. Swinson

Alan D. Albert  
Jack McGee

**Board of Conservation and Recreation Members Not Present**

J. Benjy Burnett  
J. Christian Walker Ferry

Raymond Cahen  
Robert W. Gordon, Jr.

**Staff Present**

Joseph H. Maroon  
Jerry Cassidy  
David C. Dowling  
Michael R. Fletcher

Leon E. App  
John R. Davy  
Lois del Bueno  
Synthia Waymack

*Welcome*

Chairman Wingo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He declared a quorum present.

*Minutes of November 7, 2002*

MOTION: Mr. Albert moved that the minutes of November 7, 2002 be approved as submitted.

SECOND: Mr. McGee.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wingo welcome Gwen Mason, new member of the Board. Ms. Mason previously served at the U.S. Department of the Interior.

*Master Planning Process*

Mr. Davy gave an overview of the Master Planning process. DCR is the only state agency with the Master Planning process in the *Code of Virginia*.

Mr. Jones presented the Sky Meadows Master Plan.

Mr. Jones noted that Sky Meadows Master Plan started almost two years ago now. Sky Meadows is located in the NW corner of Fauquier County and Clarke County.

[A copy of the Executive Summary of the Sky Meadows State Park Master Plan is available from DCR]

Purpose Statement:

The purpose statement for Sky Meadows State Park is to provide, in perpetuity, visitors with the opportunity for peaceful enjoyment of an historic Piedmont farm and natural area on the slopes of the Blue Ridge and Lost Mountain, while continuing the agricultural uses of a portion of its open land. The park also encompasses protection and interpretation of wildlife and its naturally forested land, including segments of the Appalachian Trail. A focus of its educational programs is the interpretation of an antebellum farmstead and historic events that occurred in and around the farm, while respecting the wishes of the property donor.

Mr. Maroon noted that the proposed Master Plan represents a comprehensive plan for the park and that hopes are that the \$4.4 million in funding will be appropriated over the years of the plan. There will be \$450,000 from the general obligation bond that will provide the funding to construct a picnic area and additional shelters.

MOTION: Ms. Mason moved that the Board of Conservation and Recreation recommend that the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation adopt the proposed master plan for Sky Meadows State Park.

SECOND: Ms. Swinson

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Davy presented the Master Plan for Mason Neck State Park.

The purpose of Mason Neck State Park is expressed in a statement developed by the technical advisory committee: to conserve and interpret the natural and cultural resources and the rich history of the land, while providing low impact recreational opportunities and environmental education experiences, within the framework of the cooperatively managed Mason Neck Peninsula. The emphasis

is placed on education, interpretation and passive recreation, with few new facilities being proposed.

[A copy of the Executive Summary of the Mason Neck Master Plan is available from DCR.]

MOTION: Mr. McGee moved that the Board of Conservation and Recreation recommend that the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation adopt the proposed master plan for Mason Neck State Park.

SECOND: Mr. Albert.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

### *Director's Update*

Mr. Maroon noted that this would be the last meeting of the Board of Conservation and Recreation as it is currently constituted. The 2003 General Assembly passed legislation that will merge the Virginia State Parks Foundation and the Board on Conservation and Development of Public Beaches with the Board of Conservation and Recreation. These changes will be effective July 1, 2003.

Mr. Maroon gave an overview of budget impacts on the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Mr. Maroon presented a report on the Governor's Natural Resources Leadership Summit. The summit was very successful. There was discussion on increasing natural resources funding as well as developing a natural resources partnership.

Mr. Maroon reviewed the decision regarding the Oconeechee State Park Master Plan. He noted that the Master Plan was ultimately approved without reference to land for the three golf holes.

The support for the General Obligation Bond was considerable. The number of state parks will increase from 34 to 39 in the next three or so years. The department is currently identifying possible locations. The first sale of the bonds took place on June 4.

### *Virginia Recreational Access Roads Designation Program*

Mr. Davy gave an overview of the Virginia Recreational Access Road Designation Program and the Virginia Outdoors Fund.

Mr. Cassidy presented the an overview of the recommendations for the Virginia Recreational Access Road Designation.

**MOTION:** Ms. Swinson moved that the Board of Conservation and Recreation accept the access road proposals as presented by staff and recommend to the Director of DCR that action be taken to designate Horner Park and Robious Park in Chesterfield County, Hoffler Creek Wildlife Preserve in the City of Portsmouth, Sudley Park in Prince William County, Appomattox County Park in Appomattox County, and in the Horseshoe Campground Entrance at New River Trail State Park as public recreational areas and that the Commonwealth Transportation Board provide Recreational Access Road for these public parks.

**SECOND:** Ms. Mason.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously.

*Virginia Outdoors Fund 2003 Grant Applications*

Mr. Cassidy presented the following grant recommendations:

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Sponsor</b>	<b>Grant Request</b>	<b>Sponsor Cost</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Grundland Park	City of Hampton	75,700	75,700	151,400
Chincoteague Waterfront Park	Town of Chincoteague	81,600	233,760	315,360
Pen Park Tennis Courts and Playgrounds	City of Charlottesville	125,000	125,000	250,000
Curtis Memorial Park – Tennis Courts	County of Stafford	31,000	31,000	62,000
Seaside Park	Northhampton County	100,000	100,000	200,000
Smith Station Road District Park	County of Spotsylvania	125,000	940,690	1,190,690
Alma Park	County of Page	200,000	318,716	568,715
Appomattox County Community Park	County of Appomattox	200,000	200,000	400,000
Eppington Plantation	County of Chesterfield	60,000	60,000	120,000

Mr. Davy presented the following state parks project recommendations.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Sponsor</b>	<b>Grant Request</b>	<b>Sponsor Cost</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Leesylvania State Park Floating Piers and Picnic Shelter	DCR	200,000	300,000	500,000
Wilderness Road State Park Visitors Center	DCR	300,000	1,600,000	1,900,000

**MOTION:** Ms. Swinson moved that the Board of Conservation and Recreation accept the 11 Virginia Outdoors Fund (VOF) proposals as presented by the staff and recommend to the Director of DCR that action be taken to present these projects to the Department of Interior, National Park Service for grant assistance.

**SECOND:** Mr. Albert.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**VOTE** Motion carried unanimously.

### *Virginia Recreational Trails Fund*

Mr. Davy presented and overview of the Virginia Recreational Trails Fund.

Mr. Cassidy presented the following grant recommendations for the Virginia Recreational Trails Fund.

<b>Appl.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Sponsor</b>	<b>Grant Award \$</b>
1.	South Pedlar ATV Trail System Heavy Maintenance	USDA, Glenwood and Pedlar Ranger Districts	27,464
2.	Deer Rock Trails	County of Nelson	44,804
3.	New River Canoe Trail Phase 2	DCR, Division of State Parks	60,284
4.	Va. Creeper Trail Damascus Area Rehab. Phase 3	Virginia Creeper Trail Club Ltd.	16,000
5.	Wolf Creek Greenway Phase III, Horse Trail Rehabilitation	Roanoke Valley Greenways	46,950
6.	W&OD Trail Shelter Project	Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority	74,800
7.	2003 Four Mile Run Rehabilitation Project	Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Resources	36,000
8.	Fairfax Cross Country Trail Signs	Fairfax County Park Authority	28,800
9.	Long Mill Connector	City of Danville	100,000
10.	Douthat State Park Flat Run Trail	Douthat State Park	28,000
11.	Rivanna Mills Heritage Trail	County of Albemarle	34,520

		Parks and Recreation	
12.	Jackson River Scenic Trail	Alleghany County	75,000
13.	Community Center Trail	James City County Parks and Recreation	34,520
14.	Cherry Blossom Trail Phase II	County of Botetourt	67,276
15.	Carvins Cove Natural Preserve Multi-Use Trail Project	City of Roanoke Parks and Recreation Dept.	53,600
16.	York River Water Trail – Phase 4	Mattoponi & Pamunkey Rivers Association	14,400
17.	Statewide Park System Equipment	DCR, Division of State Parks	70,000
18.	Cabin Creek Trail Phase II Extension	City of Hopewell	30,253
19.	Grassy Hill Natural Area Preserve Trails	DCR, Division of Natural Heritage	40,000
20.	Purchase of SWECO Trail Dozer	Lee Ranger Dist., U.S. Forest Services, GW	68,000
21.	Westmoreland State Park 3 Trail Project improvement	Westmoreland State Park	25,000
22.	Sherando Park Picnic Area/Facility Access Trail	Frederick County Parks and Recreation Department	56,000

**MOTION**

Ms. Mason moved that the Board of Conservation and Recreation accept the Recreation Trails Advisory Committee recommendations on the 22 trail projects as presented, and recommend to the Director of DCR that action be taken with the Federal Highway Administration that will effect grant awards for these projects, and that the Board further recommend that in the absence of eligible motorized trail applications the balance of motorized funds be awarded to non-motorized trail projects.

**SECOND**

Ms. Swinson.

**DISCUSSION**

None.

**VOTE**

Motion carried unanimously.

*Regulatory Public Participation Procedure*

Mr. App reviewed the necessity for Board action regarding regulatory public participation.

See Attachment #1.

*Public Comment*

There was no public comment.

*Chairman's Comments*

Mr. Wingo noted that this would be the last meeting of the Board in the current format. He expressed his appreciation for having worked with the Board.

Mr. Maroon noted that Mr. Wingo had served as Chair of the Boards since its creation in 1991.

*Adjournment*

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

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W, Bruce Wingo  
Chairman

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Joseph H. Maroon  
Recording Secretary

**BOARD OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION**

June 17, 2003 Meeting  
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**Motion to bring the Regulatory Public Participation Procedures Regulations up to date:**

The Board authorizes the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Departmental Regulatory Coordinator to prepare those changes necessary to bring the Board's Regulatory Public Participation Procedures Regulations, including any attendant forms, into conformance with changes made to the Code of Virginia and any other non-discretionary changes to conform with the Virginia Acts of Assembly or with federal law and regulations enacted since the last regulatory amendment.

This authorization is for those changes that are exempt from the Administrative Process Act and are subject only to the Virginia Register Act.

This authorization extends to, but is not limited to, the drafting of the necessary regulatory amendments, action summary, and other necessary documents and documentation as well as the coordination necessary to gain approvals from the Department of Planning and Budget, the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Governor, the Attorney General, and the Virginia Registrar of Regulations.

The Board requests that the Director or the Regulatory Coordinator report to the Board on these actions at the next Board meeting. At that time, the Board desires to have a set of proposed actions available for final regulatory action.

Motion made by: Alan D. Albert

Motion seconded by: Jack McGee

Action: Motion carried unanimously

W. Bruce Wingo\*

Joseph H. Maroon\*\*

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W. Bruce Wingo  
Chairman

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Joseph H. Maroon  
Secretary

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